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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Page 8, line 8, please add the following sentence after the last sentence in the paragraph:

--Skin layer 104 may have a thickness from about 0.5 millimeter to about 6.25 millimeters.--

In the Claims

Kindly amend claims 2, 13, 25, 36, 48 and 59 as follows:

2. (Amended) A grip as in claim 1 wherein said skin layer has a thickness of between about 0.5 millimeter and about 6.25 millimeters.

13. (Amended) A grip as in claim 12 wherein said skin layer has a thickness of between about 0.5 millimeter and about 6.25 millimeters.